

**BILLINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 6, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Kasian and Thompson in attendance. Commissioner Arthaud was absent.

Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2009 regular meeting and the September 9, 2009 special meeting. Kasian seconded.

Others present during portions of the meeting were: Mark Shields, NRCS; Sheriff Dave Jurgens; Emergency Manager/Deputy Sheriff Pat Rummel; Roosevelt Custer Regional Council Executive Director Rod Landblom; Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson engineer Craig Kubas; State's Attorney Jay Brovold, Deputy Sheriff Jason Kastrow, Kari Klang, Ambulance Director, Donna Adams, Recorder.

Mark Shields, NRCS, met with the board concerning the riverbank stabilization projects. The project agreement was presented, as well as property assurance documentation. Discussion about the purchase of the concrete mats ensued. TRMF and Clint Schneider will be responsible for the 25% landowner share. Billings County will be responsible for the Goldsberry project as it's a county road. Thompson moved to approve the agreement. Kasian seconded.

Sheriff's Office personnel discussed school bus stops with the board, and the danger of having the bus stop on Highway 85. There will be a meeting with the school board, county residents, and the commission at 7 P.M. on October 14 at the DeMores School to discuss a resolution to this problem. Commissioners Kasian and Thompson will attend, as well as representatives from the Sheriff's Office. The board was also presented with a printout of the results of the radar trailer for the last month.

Pat Rummel briefed the board on some 9-1-1 issues and Federal Emergency Management issues.

Rod Landblom, Roosevelt Custer Regional Council Executive Director, joined the meeting for a discussion of the Multi-hazard mitigation plan. Each county is required to have one. The southwest counties are going to join together to create a Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan for FEMA, as the counties share many of the same physical characteristics and hazards. By sharing the plan, the counties can also benefit from a more cost effective approach to the preparation of the plan. Thompson moved to adopt a resolution to participate in the preparation of the plan. Kasian seconded. Rod inquired as to whether the county would be willing to be the lead county by providing the initial funding, to be reimbursed by FEMA, State of North Dakota, and the other counties once the plan is approved. Thompson moved to approve the request, with the funding coming from the 2010 grant fund budget, and Billings County will be reimbursed the cost. Kasian seconded.

The board reviewed a raffle permit submitted by the N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame. Thompson moved to approve the permit. Kasian seconded.

Craig Kubas with Kadrmas, Lee, & Jackson met with the board for the monthly engineer's report.

12:30 to 1:30 P.M. The board recessed for lunch.

The 2010 budget hearing was held at 1:30 as advertised.

Pat Rummel, Jason Kastrow, and Kari Klang appeared at the hearing to discuss the 2010 ambulance budget and the purchase of a new ambulance. The board is requesting that the City of Medora pay half, as more than half of the ambulance calls are within the city limits. Thompson moved to approve the addition of the ambulance purchase in the 2010 budget, and discuss the amount the city will reimburse prior to making the decision to purchase. Kasian seconded.

Auditor Jurgens informed the board that she had been notified by the Golden Valley County Auditor that they may be looking at dissolving the Golden Valley/Billings County Superintendent of Schools position in the next year. Auditor Jurgens presented the board with the information received from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and recommended

that the board consider keeping the Billings County portion of the position intact through 2010. That gives everyone involved time to work towards re-assigning duties between the County and the Billings County School District, and have it approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to take effect in 2011. Thompson moved to leave the 2010 budget intact pending Golden Valley County's decision. Kasian seconded.

Nobody appeared either for or against any portion of the budget. Thompson moved to approve the 2010 budget as presented. Kasian seconded.

Pat Weir has resigned as the Billings County extra-territorial representative on the City of Medora Zoning Board. Lynn Arthaud has expressed an interest in taking that position. Thompson moved to appoint Lynn to the position. Kasian seconded.

The board reviewed the quarterly investment summary and the Veteran's Service Officer quarterly report.

The board approved the revenue vouchers for the month of September: County Recorder \$2,418.00 September collections; Clerk of Court \$314.80 county fees and \$4,283.00 state fees.

Revenues for materials and/or services rendered in September: Medora Convenience Store \$25 cash bar permit; Jamie Simioniw \$42 used culvert; Hallie Lavelle \$71.50 dental insurance; Public \$76.50 grassland maps, copies, etc.; Joan Jurgens \$12.90 spot remover; William Kessel \$335.25 fill sand and trucking.

Revenues for the month of September: US Forest Service \$90,000 noxious weed agreement; BLM Mineral Royalties \$240,628.80; Oil & Gas Production (prior years) \$9,671.80; Oil & Gas Production (current year) \$300,200.82; Highway Distribution \$5,186.45; Dept. of Transportation \$8,557.10 weed spraying; Interest \$98,038.41; Royalties \$45,944.24; Permits \$4,270.00

The following claims were approved for payment:

Adams, Kenneth L.	Rough Scoria	95946	\$	484.00	3
Advanced Collision Center	S. O. – Repairs	95947	\$	815.40	
Advantage Drillings Fluids	Dust Control	95948	\$	12,012.00	3
Alternative Sanitation	Haul Waste	95949	\$	141.00	1, 2, 3
American Linen Service	Mat Rental	95950	\$	128.55	3
Armbrust Sanitation	Septic Service	95951	\$	200.00	3
Arthaud, Lynn	Tax Director – Travel	95952	\$	556.00	
Badlands Diesel Service, Inc.	Parts & Repairs	95953	\$	4,257.75	3
Basaraba, Roy A.	Veteran Service Officer – Travel	95954	\$	503.35	
Billings County Rural Fire District	Taxes	95955	\$	105.92	
Billings County Pioneer	Subscription	95956	\$	31.00	
Billings County Pioneer	Publishing	95957	\$	364.77	
Billings County School District	Weed – Shop Rent	95958	\$	300.00	Weed
Billings County School District	Taxes	95959	\$	235,075.32	
Billings County Sheriff	S. O. – Travel	95960	\$	160.56	
Beicegel Station	Tire Repair	95961	\$	32.00	1
Belfield Automotive Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	95962	\$	607.35	2, 3, W, G
Belfield Plumbing & Heating	Courthouse – A/C Repairs	95963	\$	1,586.40	
Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.D.	Dental & Vision Premiums	95964	\$	2,128.70	1, 2, 3, W, G
Boespflug Trailers & Feed	S. O. – Haulmark Trailer	95965	\$	11,031.60	
Boss Office Products	Supt. of Schools – Supplies	95966	\$	8.28	
Brooks & Associates, C. E.	Land Use Plan	95967	\$	5,187.00	
Butler Machinery Company, Inc.	Parts & Repairs	95968	\$	851.57	1, 3
Calbreath, Leah	Courthouse – Supplies	95969	\$	300.00	
Cass County Treasurer	Document Preservation Fund	95970	\$	101.00	
Comfort Inn – Bismarck	Tax Director – Travel	95971	\$	354.00	
Computer Software Associates	Recorder – Maintenance Contract	95972	\$	2,560.00	
D & D Sprinkler Systems	Courthouse – Maintenance	95973	\$	175.00	
Dakota Ag Seeds, Inc.	Weed Chemicals	95974	\$	710.60	Weed
Dakota Farm Equipment, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	95975	\$	2,029.36	1, 2, 3
Dakota Farm Equipment, Inc.	J.D. CX-15 Mower	95976	\$	15,850.00	3
Dakota Fence Company, Inc.	Guardrail Repairs	95977	\$	2,800.00	3
Dakota Water Treatment	Water System	95978	\$	25.00	1
Dan's Interstate Conoco	S. O. – Gas	95979	\$	569.97	
Days Inn – Grand Dakota Lodge	E.M.P.G. Grant	95980	\$	126.00	
Dickinson Area Ambulance	E.M.T. Instructions	95981	\$	1,800.00	
Dickinson Public Library	Library Services	95982	\$	2,360.29	
Dickinson Ready Mix Company	Water Tanks – Concrete Slab	95983	\$	140.00	1
DTE, Inc.	Parts & Repairs	95984	\$	673.73	2
Dickinson Elks 1137	E.M.P.G. Grant	95985	\$	116.90	
Emergency Medical Products, Inc.	Ambulance – Medical Supplies	95986	\$	1,263.32	
Emil's Repair	S. O. – Repairs	95987	\$	1,762.76	

Energy Systems Industrial	Parts & Supplies	95988	\$	29.40	1
E.S.R.I., Inc.	Software Support	95989	\$	2,500.00	
Evoniuk, Dale	Road Construction Site Rental	95990	\$	1,200.00	2
Farmers Union Oil Company	Gas, Diesel, & Oil	95991	\$	7,716.84	1, 2, G
Feiningers Electric	Electrical Service	95992	\$	16,433.01	1
Fisher Industries	Washed Rock	95993	\$	1,028.75	1
Golden Valley County	Social Service	95994	\$	6,495.60	
Gopher Sign Company	911 Street Signs	95995	\$	172.53	
Heartland Engineering	Blacktail Road	95996	\$	5,446.36	2
Hlebechuk Construction, Inc.	Haul Gravel & Pit Repair	95997	\$	16,527.00	1
Jurgens, Joan	Auditor – Travel	95998	\$	33.50	
Kadrmass, Lee, & Jackson, Inc.	Engineering	95999	\$	19,313.99	1, 2, 3
Kasian, Mike	Commissioner – Mileage	96000	\$	204.05	2
Kevin’s Auto & Truck Repair	Parts & Repairs	96001	\$	794.30	2, 3
Klang, Keri J.	E.M.P.G. Grant	96002	\$	38.50	
Kotana Communications	D.E.M. – Kenwood Radio	96003	\$	988.00	
Krush, Paul	Elder Care – Mileage	96004	\$	810.70	
Lawson Products	Shop Supplies	96005	\$	829.03	1
Lindbo Welding Service	Cattleguard Repair	96006	\$	150.00	3
Lyle Signs, Inc.	Road Signs	96007	\$	1,840.08	2, 3
Mark’s Tire Service, Inc.	Ambulance – Tires & Repairs	96008	\$	975.54	
Matthew Bender & Company, Inc.	Court Rules – Updates	96009	\$	32.71	
Medora Convenience Store	D.E.M. – Supplies	96010	\$	99.50	
Medora, City of. . .	Taxes	96011	\$	1,531.08	
Midstate Telephone Company	Courthouse – Telephone Service	96012	\$	967.90	
Midstate Communications	Supt. of Schools – Telephone	96013	\$	40.64	
Midwest Doors, Inc.	Overhead – Control Button	96014	\$	27.95	1
Missouri Valley Petroleum, Inc.	Gas, Oil, & Diesel Fuel	96015	\$	19,390.93	2, 3, G
N.D. Association of Counties	911 Taxes	96016	\$	350.81	
N.D. Assoc. Oil & Gas Producing Co.	Annual Meeting – Registration Fees	96017	\$	90.00	
N.D. Assoc. Oil & Gas Producing Co.	2009/10 Membership Dues	96018	\$	3,000.00	
N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame	Meeting Room Maintenance	96019	\$	200.00	
N.D. Dept. of Transportation	License & Title Fees	96020	\$	5.00	2
N.D. Post Board	S. O. – Membership Dues	96021	\$	90.00	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Health Insurance Premium	96022	\$	27,905.45	1, 2, 3, W, G
N.D. State Auditor	2008 Fiscal Year Audit	96023	\$	165.00	
N.D. State Radio Communications	911 Service	96024	\$	1,149.12	
N.D. State Treasurer	Clerk of Court Fees	96025	\$	4,327.56	
N.D.A.A.O.	Tax Director – Training Fees	96026	\$	150.00	
Newby’s Ace Hardware	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	96027	\$	97.94	
Northwest Tire, Inc.	Tires	96028	\$	2,963.36	1
O’Brien Welding	Parts & Repairs	96029	\$	1,003.27	3
Odermann, Leona M.	Information Center – Travel	96030	\$	249.60	
Off Road Software, Inc.	GIS Software	96031	\$	1,400.00	
OK Tire Stores	Tires	96032	\$	605.93	3
Performance Truck Center	Parts & Repairs	96033	\$	4,351.76	2
Pump Systems, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	96034	\$	8,316.37	1, 3
Quality Service	Shop Supplies	96035	\$	61.50	2
R & R Auto, Farm, & Electric	Parts & Repairs	96036	\$	115.03	2
RDO Equipment Company	Parts & Supplies	96037	\$	27.23	2
Roughrider Electric Cooperative	Electricity	96038	\$	2,629.00	1, 2, 3, G
Rudy’s Lock & Key	Courthouse – Supplies	96039	\$	9.00	
Rummel Auto Wrecking	Ambulance – Medical Supplies	96040	\$	51.40	
Runnings Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	96041	\$	326.07	1, 2, G
Southwest Business Machines	Office Supplies	96042	\$	873.00	3, W, G
Schmidt Repair, Inc.	Parts & Repairs	96043	\$	33.73	1
Sherwin – Williams	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	96044	\$	31.89	
Smart Computers & Consulting	Computer Supplies & Repairs	96045	\$	185.00	
Steffan’s Saw & Bike	Shop Supplies	96046	\$	57.55	2
Stein’s, Inc.	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	96047	\$	323.09	
Superpumper, Inc.	S. O. – Gas	96048	\$	168.69	
Southwestern District Health Unit	Taxes	96049	\$	136.39	
Southwest Multi-Co. Correction Ctr.	Prisoner Care	96050	\$	1504.09	
Southwest Water Authority	Taxes	96051	\$	44.56	
Southwest Water Authority	Water Usage	96052	\$	1,139.39	1, 2, 3
Southwest Wireless	S. O. – Radio Expense	96053	\$	59.99	
Team Laboratory Chemical Corp.	Dust Control	96054	\$	235.25	3
Texas Refinery Corporation	Parts & Supplies	96055	\$	489.40	2
Thompson, Allan T.	Commissioner – Mileage	96056	\$	44.00	1
Tom’s Service Center	S. O. – Gas, Tire Repair	96057	\$	337.10	3, G
University of North Dakota	Tax Director – Conference Fees	96058	\$	50.00	
Universal, Inc.	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	96059	\$	283.62	
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	96060	\$	170.22	2, G
Wagner, Josh	Road Construction Site Rental	96061	\$	1,200.00	2
Wal-Mart	Courthouse & Shop Supplies	96062	\$	352.54	2, G
Wanner, Dana	Tax Director – Travel	96063	\$	219.50	
Warne Chemical & Equipment Co.	Weed – ATV Spray Units	96064	\$	1,515.40	Weed
Western Fire & Safety, Inc.	Safety Supplies	96065	\$	18.70	1
Westlie Truck Center	Parts & Supplies	96066	\$	409.88	3
Westlie Motor Company	2009 R-Way Bellydump Trailer	96067	\$	45,756.97	3
Wosepka, James J., C.P.A.	2008 Fiscal Year Audit	96068	\$	1,868.00	
Alltel	Cellular Service	96110	\$	349.57	1, 3, G
American Family Life Assurance	Premium	96111	\$	674.82	

Consolidated	Internet Service	96112	\$	242.45	2, 3, W
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Administrative Fees	96112	\$	110.25	
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Premium	96114	\$	2,538.37	
Information Technology Dept.	S.O. – T-1 Line	96115	\$	436.60	
Job Service of North Dakota	Unemployment Insurance	96116	\$	798.13	1, 2, 3, W, G
Medora, City of...	Courthouse – Utilities	96117	\$	228.75	
N.D. Department of Transportation	S.O. – Registration Fees	96118	\$	5.00	
N.D. Department of Transportation	S.O. – Registration Fees	96119	\$	6.50	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Deferred Comp. Premium	96120	\$	4,174.00	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Retirement	96121	\$	10,713.84	1, 2, 3, W, G
N.D. State Tax Commissioner	State Withholding Taxes	96122	\$	7,211.30	
N.D. Teachers Fund	Retirement	96123	\$	208.70	
Prudential	Deferred Comp. Premium	96124	\$	50.00	
Qwest	Telephone Service	96125	\$	329.38	1, 2, 3, W, G
Reservation Telephone Cooperative	Telephone Service	96126	\$	50.12	1, 2, 3, G

Payroll in the following amounts were approved for September: General Fund \$64,611.63; Road and Bridge Fund \$63,316.74; Weed Fund \$3,603.60

With there being no further business, Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting 5 P.M. Kasian seconded.

Michael E. Kasian, Chairman

Attest: _____

Joan Jurgens, Auditor/Treasurer

BILLINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. with Commissioner Kasian present and Commissioner Thompson in attendance via speakerphone. Commissioner Arthaud was absent.

Others present during portions of the meeting were: Pat Rummel, Dave Jurgens, Stacey Kessel, Darren Baranko, Darlene Mitchell, Richard Volesky, Dean Rodne.

Discussion arose as to whether to utilize existing areas rather than build new ones.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss Highway 85 school bus stops. The potential areas are on Upper Magpie Road, Klem School, Tom Hlebechuk’s yard, or Tony Kessel’s yard.

Discussion arose as to whether to utilize existing areas rather than build new ones.

Those in attendance looked at all options and considered the number of children affected by each stop.

After much discussion, it was the general consensus that the central pickup location in district 2 would be at the Klem School in Section 26, Range 142, Range 98. There will be some scoria hauled in and the area will be signed to be used exclusively as a school bus stop.

Commissioner Thompson stated that the county has already obtained permission to construct the turn-around area on Upper Magpie, as there is a snow accumulation reason to shave off the hill and level it off anyway. The area is located in Section 21, Township 144, Range 99. The North Dakota Department of Transportation is in agreement with this.

Discussion about funding the construction and upgrading of the sites arose. The school board noted that they can’t use school funds for roads. Auditor Jurgens informed the group that the county receives federal funding from the Bankhead Jones Farm Tenant Act that is to be used exclusively for schools and roads, so making the sites school bus accessible would fall under that revenue source.

Dale Baranko suggested that the school could send notice to families that would be utilizing the central stops.

With there being no further business, the meeting broke up at 11:00 A.M.

Michael E. Kasian, Chairman

Attest: _____

Joan Jurgens, Auditor/Treasurer